IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. All claims are listed, even where not amended, for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A process for manufacturing laminated polymeric optical elements comprising:

a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element is not soluble in said first solvent;

b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and

c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to a second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element;

wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are wafer components for an ophthalmic lens, and wherein said film comprises a polymer having an acid value [is] greater than or equal to 100.

9. (TWICE AMENDED) The process of claim 1 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, [poly vinyl] polyvinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

12. (AMENDED) The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, [poly vinyl] polyvinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

21. (AMENDED) The process of claim [2] 1 wherein at least one of said wafer components for an ophthalmic lens has a surface feature on a major surface of a wafer component, said surface feature being selected from the group consisting of tabs, grooves, notches, and recessed power segments.

Please add the following new claims:

22. The process of claim 1 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, and polyvinyl resins.

23. The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, and polyvinyl resins.

REMARKS CONCERNING THE AMENDMENTS

The above amendments to the claims have added no new issues, entered no new substantive information and does no more than combine existing claims (claims 1, 2 and 10) with all intervening limitations. The literal language of amendment claim actually existed as claim 10 in the Application at the time of the Office Action. This amendment should therefore be entered without objection. The cancellation of claims is intended to advance the prosecution of the Application and to allow Applicants to prosecute those claims in a continuation application, if they so elect.

New claims 22 and 23 are similar to claims 9 and 12 without reference to cellulose-based polymers.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

Rejections Under 35 USC 112

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. 1.121

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1. A process for manufacturing laminated polymeric optical elements comprising:

a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or first solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element is not soluble in said first solvent;

b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and

c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to a second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element;

wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are wafer components for an ophthalmic lens, and wherein said film comprises a polymer having an acid value greater than or equal to 100.

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9. The process of claim 1 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, polyvinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

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12. The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, polyvinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

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21. The process of claim 1 wherein at least one of said wafer components for an ophthalmic lens has a surface feature on a major surface of a wafer component, said surface feature being selected from the group consisting of tabs, grooves, notches, and recessed power segments.

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~~22~~ 25. The process of claim 1 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, and polyvinyl resins.

~~23~~ 26. The process of claim 8 wherein said film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, and polyvinyl resins.